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S. 2908

To amend title II of the Social Security Act to prohibit the display of
Social Security account numbers on Medicare cards.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 24, 2008

Mr. BROWN (for himself and Mr. COBURN) introduced the following bill; which
was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

A BILL

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the display of Social Security account numbers on Medi-
care cards.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Medicare Card Secu-
5 rity Act of 2008”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION OF THE DISPLAY OF SOCIAL SECUR-**
2 **RITY ACCOUNT NUMBERS ON MEDICARE**
3 **CARDS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 205(c)(2)(C) of the Social
5 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 405(c)(2)(C)) is amended by add-
6 ing at the end the following new clause:

7 “(x) The Commissioner of Social Security and the
8 Secretary of Health and Human Services jointly shall es-
9 tablish cost-effective procedures to ensure that a social se-
10 curity account number (or any derivative thereof) is not
11 displayed on the Medicare card issued to an individual who
12 is entitled to benefits under part A of title XVIII or en-
13 rolled under part B of title XVIII.”.

14 (b) FUNDING.—Notwithstanding any other provision
15 of law, of the amounts appropriated for administrative ex-
16 penses of the Department of Health and Human Services
17 for fiscal years beginning with fiscal year 2008, such sums
18 as are necessary to carry out the amendment made by sub-
19 section (a) shall be available from such amounts for such
20 purpose.

21 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
22 subsection (a) shall apply with respect to Medicare cards
23 issued on and after the date that is 1 year after the date
24 of the enactment of this Act.

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